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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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For: SUPPORT FOR ANALYTE DETERMINATION METHODS AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SUPPORT

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: May 10, 2001

Sir:

Prior to initial examination of the application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1-33 as follows:

3. (Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1 characterized in that the channels are arranged on at least one support surface.

4. (Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1 characterized in that the support comprises a large number of channels which are preferably arranged parallel to one another.

5. (Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1 characterized in that the receptors are selected from nucleic acids and nucleic acid analogs.